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SENATOR GOODRICH: Would Senator Barnett yield to a question please?

SENATOR BARNETT: Sure I will try too.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Barnett, now I know that this is not the place to attach an amendment to the bill, because we have to do whatever we want to do with the kill motion first. But assuming that that gets disposed of and the bill is here, would you object for example to the state picking up....if the state pays \$40 now...

SENATOR BARNETT: That is right, out of approximately 90-95.

SENATOR GOODRICH: In Omaha the cost is about \$98 for the course. I'm saying this thought, that if we amended your bill so that the state picked up the cost up to \$70 or the cost of the course whichever is less, and then the amount that the student paid, let them go ahead and implement the program with out additional financial hardship to the school district itself. The only hardship that they would then have would be getting the cars themselves and that would be a very high cost factor I would think, but we would figure out a way to solve that problem if we can just get....if you for example would accept an amendment on to this bill to increase the state payment for example from \$40 to \$70 or the cost of course whichever is less.

SENATOR BARNETT: I have no objection to that, except that contrary to what Senator Koch has said, and contrary to what some of the people that might talk about the cost and worry about the cost, it is a cost, but the classes are under enrollment and according to the State Department of Education, it is not going to cost any more for this program because the kids that are not taking it would still be able to under the number of students that can attend the program. But I certainly do not object to that, now both of my kids had to pay I believe \$25 to go along with the program so it cost them somewhat too, and I don't have any objections to that. If they want to amend it, if there is a cost why I'm certainly agreeable to that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman, and members of this body, I think that this drivers education is a good course and a very necessary course. Any of these young people who live in an area where they don't have a chance to learn to drive. However, in my country it is too far for them to take any courses. They have to learn to drive in order to do things, the regular work around the home place. Many of these kids learn to drive when they are as young as 12 years old. Later when they can get a Learners Permit, they can drive with their folks and their family and by the time they are 16 they can pass their drivers test with no trouble. We don't have drivers education in every school and all the kids that do go there can't take the drivers education. Therefore, I will support this kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I only rise to correct a statement made by Senator Nichol if I might please sir. In my presentation I said that if you had compulsory insurance the